SUBJECT No. 174.

Extension of the Chikjajur - Chitaldrug Railway line to Rayadurga *via* Molakalmuru.

Mr. Sunkada Raghanna, Molakalmuru Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—If the railway line from Chitaldrug is extended to Rayadurga or at least, to Challakere, public will be benefited greatly. Railway cess is being collected and the same may be utilised for running the line.

Reply of Government.—The proposed railway is necessary, but there is no money for meeting the expenditure from State Funds. The District Board may raise a loan for the purpose and Government will construct the line.

SUBJECT No. 175.

Through-booking in the Narasimharajpur-Tarikere tramway.

Messrs. H. Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk, and H. S. Ganesha Rao, Malnad Land-holders' Association, Hosakoppa.

Summary of Discussion.—It is prayed that arrangements may be made for through-booking in the Narasimharajpur-Tarikere tramway stations, of goods and parcels intended for stations on other lines.

Reply of Government.—There is practical inconvenience. The difficulty will be removed.

SUBJECT No. 176.

Rectification of the Tarikere-Narasimharajpur tramway.

Messrs A. Venkataramaiya and Patel Shankarappa, Tarikere Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Great inconvenience is caused as the Tarikere-Narasimharajpur tramway is in a very bad condition. The roads too are neglected, so that it is not easy to travel by road. The Forest Department, at least, should be made to see to the repairs which are immediately needed. Ranganahalli bridge requires attention.

Reply of Government.—The line is being rectified.

SUBJECT No. 177.

(*a*) Providing sufficient accommodation in the Chikjajur Railway Station.

(*b*) Providing an alighting platform at the Birur Station.

Messrs. A. Ananthaiya, P. Venkappaiya and C. Subba Rao, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of Representation (*a*).—Passengers that alight at Chikjajur are put to too much trouble for want of waiting room accommodation. A zinc shed may, at least, be constructed.

(*b*) Want of a proper alighting platform at Birur causes inconvenience, especially to ladies. The M. & S. M. waiting rooms will be closed and as passengers are not allowed to rest in carriages till morning, the difficulty is great. A through carriage may also be provided between Mysore and Shimoga.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) Joint stations are managed by the M. & S. M. Railway. The matter is under correspondence with that Company.

(*b*) The M. & S. M Railway authorities will be asked about the other arrangements.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

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SUBJECT No. 178.

Holding of a Local Boards Conference next year.

Mr. K. Venkatasami Iyer, Mysore District Board.

Mr. K. Venkatasami Iyer.—In the interests of the development of local self-government in the State, Government may be pleased to arrange for the holding of a Local Boards Conference early next year.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao.—By holding such conferences, valuable experience will be gained. Government should therefore see their way to arrange for the holding of such conferences every year.

Dewan.—If the local bodies concerned are prepared to meet the expenses of holding the conference, Government have no objection to consider the proposal favourably.

Second Member of Council.—Let the local bodies concerned send up a resolution in favour of the conference for the consideration of Government.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In Bangalore City, the subject was brought up before the Municipal Council after the approval of the Managing Committee and it was resolved that arrangements may be made for the holding of a conference very early.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—In case it is decided to hold a conference, no subscriptions should be raised from the people.

Dewan.—Detailed proposals from the Bangalore City Municipal Council are awaited.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Non-official President for Municipalities.

Messrs. Bharisanna Tippeswami, Molakalmuru Municipality; G. Girimaji Rao, Kolar Taluk, and Rangaswami Chetty, Magadi Taluk.

Messrs. Rangaswami Chetty and Syed Khaja Peeran.—The system of having a non-official Vice-President for a Municipal Council under the Amildar-President is not working satisfactorily as the latter is reluctant to allow the non-official Vice-President to carry out his duties without constant interference from himself. It would therefore be far better to have the Deputy Commissioner of the District as President rather than the Amildar.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao.—Both in the case of Municipal Councils as well as in the case of Taluk Boards, it is desirable to have officials alone or non-officials alone for the place of President and Vice-President and not have an official President and a non-official Vice-President or *vice versa* as such a system is not found to work smoothly in practice.

Second Member of Council.—The policy of having non-official Vice-Presidents for Municipal Councils as well as Local Boards is only of recent origin and a fair trial should be given to it before changing the same. It is not expedient to make the Deputy Commissioner the President of Municipal Councils and Local Boards in preference to a local officer.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Modification of Rules for the election of members to Taluk Boards.

Mr, Sampangi Ramaiya, Malur Taluk.

Mr. Sampangi Ramayya.—The system of electing members to Taluk Boards from Village Panchayets should be altered as it gives a representation to small units of 200 or 250 people. Similarly the grouping of villages into four circles for each taluk should also be discontinued. Each hobli should be divided into two groups.

(2) The number of elected members should always be more than the number of nominated and official members.

Dewan.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Extension of franchise to women.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. Gopalswami Iyer.—The Madras Government has nominated Mrs. Devadoss as a Member of the Madras Corporation. There are some women Councillors in Nellore and Bellary Municipalities who have obtained their seats by nomination. They are doing satisfactory work. Our Government also may extend similar privileges to women in Mysore.